

Isaiah 4

Another way, however, which is more likely in which it might be done, would be this--to advance another theory and to show that the material basis of this other in these chapters fits into the/theory better than into the theory which I have presented. That is a possibility. I think it is not a likely possibility. It seems to me that it fits very excellently into this arrangement, but I recognize the possibility. Someone may advance the theory of the interpretation of these chapters different from the one I have advanced and show how all the different elements here fit into that theory better than into the arrangement which I have suggested, and if they do, I will examine their theory with the same skepticism and questioning and a definite investigating of every angle of it which I hope others will use in approaching my theory, and in such a case it will be a matter of comparing the two theories. Up to the present I do not know of any competing theory. I have not come across one myself, thought of one myself nor come across one in the particular sources which I have read but I admit I have not read extremely widely on interpretation.

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Isaiah 5

I might say right there that I have been rather disappointed in commentaries on Isaiah and other books from this viewpoint. I have found that in looking into commentaries many of them have very excellent suggestions regarding the import of particular verses or particular words, very useful things which I have found extremely helpful but I have been disappointed to find that seldom indeed do the commentators take up what seem to be the basic questions, "What is the relation of this passage to the one that precedes or the one that follows? How do they fit together into a unit? Where the main , and exactly what is the prophet referring to, exactly what is the condition? Most of the commentators, I find, content themselves with taking up particular things that can be gleaned from individual words, individual phrases, individual verses,